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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Washington 25, D.C.

5 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, Office of Basic Intelligence  
ATTENTION: Chairman, NIS Committee  
SUBJECT: Definitions of Map Scales  
REFERENCE: Department of the Army memorandum of 25 April 1956 to CIA

1. Copies of the referenced memorandum concerning map scales, which was forwarded by your office on 23 May 1956 for Chapter IX Subcommittee consideration, were distributed at a meeting held on 16 October 1956.

2. Telephone responses received from the Subcommittee members shortly thereafter indicated differences of opinion. Opposition to the proposal was based primarily on the fact that Chapter IX Memo. No. 13, 18 April 1955, which was in effect, defined the terms "small scale," "medium scale," and "large scale" differently. It was felt that a change in the definition of these terms might result in confusion for the users of Chapter IX. No agreement was reached by the Subcommittee at this time.

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4. On the basis of [REDACTED] the question of the Army proposal was reopened with the Subcommittee members. All members agreed as of 3 December 1957 that the Chapter IX Subcommittee should recommend that the NIS Committee consider the adoption of the definitions as given in the Army memorandum.

5. It is requested, however, that the proposed definitions not be put into effect immediately for Chapter IX purposes, since several studies are at various stages of completion. The Chapter IX Subcommittee members have agreed that it would be practicable to incorporate these definitions

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in the Chapter IX for NIS 25C and all Chapters IX and Sections 19 scheduled thereafter. This will also coincide with the beginning of FY 1959.


6. Chapter IX Memo. No. 13 will be revised when notification of the NIS Committee action on this proposal is received.

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NIS Chapter IX Coordinator

**Enclosures (to addressee):**

1. Memorandum from Department of the Army dated 25 April 1956
2. Transmittal memorandum from Chairman, NIS Committee dated 23 May 1956
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4. Transmittal memorandum from Department of the Army dated 8 October 1956

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